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Examiner: Revak, Christopher

Art Unit: 2131

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------|----------|----------------|
| | Small Entity | Fee (\$) | Small Entity | Fee (\$) | Small Entity | Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

| Fee Description | Small Entity | |
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| Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent | 50 | 25 |
| Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent | 200 | 100 |
| Multiple dependent claims | 360 | 180 |

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